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RESTORATION ADVISORY BOARD**

**DATE:** March 12, 1997

**PLACE:** Salvation Army Headquarters  
331 East Main Street  
Madison, IN 47250

**TIME:** 7:00 P.M.

**PRESENT:** Mr. Paul Cloud, Co-Chairperson  
Mr. Richard Hill, Co-Chairperson  
Audience Members  
Sharon Shields, Court Reporter

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1 A public hearing of The Jefferson Proving  
2 Ground Restoration Advisory Board meeting was held in The  
3 Salvation Army Headquarters, 331 East Main Street,  
4 Madison, IN at 7:00 P.M. on March, 12, 1997.

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7 OPENING STATEMENTS BY MR. PAUL CLOUD:

8 Good evening. I would like to  
9 welcome everyone here to the March meeting of the  
10 Jefferson Proving Ground Restoration Advisory Board  
11 meeting. For those who may not know me my name is Paul  
12 Cloud. I'm employed by the U.S. Army. I used to work at  
13 the Proving Ground. Until it closed I was the head of  
14 the Environmental Office and I now work out of the  
15 Headquarter's Office back in Aberdeen. My sole function  
16 is the environmental restoration of the Proving Ground.  
17 My title is BRAC Environmental Coordinator commonly  
18 referred to as BEC. I'm also the Army's co-chair for the  
19 Restoration Advisory Board. Richard Hill is the  
20 community's co-chair. I would like to welcome everyone  
21 here tonight. And if you have not signed in on the  
22 attendance sheet I would strongly encourage you to do so,  
23 provide us your address so that we can keep you informed  
24 on our mailing list of future meetings and any mailings  
25 that might come out and to keep you current with the

1 environmental restoration of the Proving Ground. And if  
2 you have any other questions I can provide you with other  
3 points of contact depending on what your specific  
4 interest might be. That's all I have for introductory  
5 remarks. I'll let Richard make his and then we can get  
6 on with the agenda. Thank you.

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8 **OPENING REMARKS BY RICHARD HILL:**

9 Good evening. It looks like we have  
10 a pretty good crowd tonight. That's good. Glad to see  
11 everybody. Hope people are drying out pretty well. I  
12 don't have too much to say to get started here. A couple  
13 of things. I do want to mention this. Probably someone  
14 will bring up here later that this week there's some  
15 interviewing going on by representatives of the Army  
16 Environmental Center and they are interested in speaking  
17 one on one or two on two or a few people at a time or  
18 whatever with people out in the community to find out you  
19 know what the level of awareness, concern and interests  
20 are with the environmental activities and future use of  
21 the site. And they are going to be out at the Proving  
22 Ground this week and have been. If you're interested in  
23 talking to them you can call out at Ken Knouf's office.  
24 It's 273-2551. If you didn't get that you can see me  
25 after the meeting to do that. I was out there and had a

1 really nice talk with them this week. Also I just got,  
2 haven't read it yet, so I put some up on the table. And  
3 they weren't out when almost everybody came in. There is  
4 an EPA Environmental Effects sheet that has to do with  
5 the finalizing of regulations for military conditions.  
6 This may have some bearing on what's going on here. Like  
7 I said I just now got it. So if you're interested in  
8 that you may want to pick one of those up too. Gosh what  
9 else? I guess that's about it for me. We can go ahead  
10 and get started with our agenda for tonight. And we're  
11 going to be looking at funding of suitability to transfer  
12 and lease up dates. Paul you want to start that off?  
13 Thank you.

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15 **REMARKS BY MR. PAUL CLOUD:**

16 I have to apologize for not having  
17 additional copies of the agenda available tonight. I was  
18 in a meeting with State and EPA representatives, John  
19 Manley from Indiana Department of Environmental  
20 Management. John would you like to stand up so everybody  
21 knows who you are? And Karen Mason-Smith from the  
22 Superfund section of Region 5 EPA. The three (3) of us  
23 comprise what's called the BRAC clean up team. It is our  
24 task to evaluate the contamination from an environmental  
25 prospective at the Proving Ground and based on the re-use

1 come up with an acceptable level of cleanliness for those  
2 areas. We were at a meeting this morning discussing a  
3 number of those items. It was about eleven thirty  
4 (11:30) and Ken Knouf, the site manager for the Army,  
5 handed me a fax from the Pentagon. It said we would  
6 like an up date on these unexploded ordinance status at  
7 the Proving Ground for the Deputy Undersecretary of  
8 Defense by noon. So I had twenty-five (25) minutes to  
9 create a letter and get it faxed off. I didn't quite  
10 make it but it has been done. It got in the way of my  
11 preparations for this meeting tonight so I have to  
12 apologize for that. Normally I do have some agendas and  
13 I didn't make copies or bring some of the copies of  
14 slides that I was going to show. But I will be able to  
15 talk about those. The first item I would like to talk  
16 about and I will use this transparency for multiple  
17 purposes. The first thing I would like to talk about is  
18 the finding of suitability to transfer. That is a  
19 process that has been developed for determining the  
20 environmental suitability of a parcel of  
21 land at a BRAC facility, a facility at a military base  
22 that's been closed for transfer. It's a document that is  
23 drafted by the military service whether it's the Army,  
24 the Navy, the Air Force. And it is then put out for  
25 public review. Typically it's a thirty (30) day review.

1 We look at the comments we get back from not only the  
2 regulators but the general public, environmental  
3 activists, any concerned or involved citizens. To the  
4 best that we can we try to incorporate all of those  
5 comments and then create a revised document that we then  
6 put out for identification of what we classify as  
7 "unresolved issues". Anything that falls into that  
8 category is made part of the document so if there is a  
9 concern that doesn't get addressed or made part of the  
10 formal FOST itself, it is still a part of that document  
11 that ultimately gets signed. It gets made a part of the  
12 public record. Then when those - if any unresolved  
13 issues are identified and made part of the document then  
14 it works its way up the - in this case the Army's change  
15 of command to whoever has the signatory authority for  
16 that document. And it depends on a number of facts. If  
17 that person is comfortable from his review of that  
18 document, signs it, then it will then go to the Army's  
19 real estate agent which in this case is Louisville  
20 District of the Corps of Engineers. They will then draft  
21 the deed transfer if it's a transfer document or a lease  
22 document. If it's a lease they will then get the  
23 necessary reviews and signatures on the lease or the deed  
24 transfer. And then the actual property will be leased or  
25 transferred. The most current document that just went

1 out last week to all the RAB members and a number of  
2 other individuals, and I have provided copies here if  
3 anyone would like to review it and to provide comments to  
4 me on this. It's approximately a forty (40) acre parcel  
5 in this general area right here (indicating). It's  
6 basically bounded on north by the Woodfill Road and on  
7 the west by Papermill Road. It has six (6) buildings in  
8 it, half of those buildings have potential historical  
9 significance. And anything that would be proposed to be  
10 done to those buildings would have to be coordinated with  
11 the State Historic Preservation office. Mr. Ford, who is  
12 the leaser and furtherance of conveyance has requested  
13 the Army transfer that property to him as he has a  
14 potential buyer. And we are in the process of having  
15 that document reviewed. We've asked for comments by the  
16 4th of April. I have a fax number. I have a toll free  
17 number. I have a mailing address. If anyone who has any  
18 comments about that document after they've reviewed it,  
19 feel free to provide those either to Ken out at the site  
20 or send them to me or call me at my toll free number or  
21 on my fax number. The parcel itself is bounded on the  
22 north by Woodfill Road and on the east by Papermill Road.  
23 It's the Army's understanding that Mr. Ford has been in  
24 negotiations with the Indiana Department of  
25 Transportation on this particular parcel. I believe they

1 are interested in establishing a highway maintenance  
2 facility there. Don't know any more specifics about  
3 their negotiations. That's basically going to be an  
4 issue between Mr. Ford and the Indiana Department of  
5 Transportation. If the document is signed and the  
6 transfer goes forward that will be the transaction  
7 between the Army and Mr. Ford. That property would then  
8 belong to him. He would be responsible for it. He would  
9 have to pay the Army if it is over and above what he has  
10 already given us as a down payment on the full thirty-  
11 four hundred (3400) acres. And then he would be free to  
12 sell that property or lease it based on any deed  
13 restrictions that the Army may feel necessary to put into  
14 that particular transfer. Are there any questions about  
15 this particular item on the agenda? I was going to have  
16 someone here from the Corps of Engineers real estate  
17 division who would explain to you what happens after a  
18 FOST or a FOSIL is signed so that you could get an  
19 appreciation of the administrative process and why things  
20 don't happen over night once one (1) particular document  
21 is signed so that people would hopefully understand the  
22 process. Unfortunately called yesterday and have not  
23 been able to make it tonight. We will schedule him for  
24 the next meeting of the RAB which is in May. And  
25 hopefully they will be able to provide that information



1 at that time. If you have any specific questions that  
2 you feel you would like to know the answers to before  
3 then get a hold of me or call Ken at the Proving Ground  
4 and I can get back to you and provide that information.  
5 Or I can put you in touch with the Corps of Engineers  
6 real estate division and they can provide that  
7 information. The next topic on the agenda is an up date  
8 on the status of the unexploded ordinance removal  
9 operations in the cantonment area. Back in 1995 before  
10 the Proving Ground closed, the Army commissioned the  
11 Corps of Engineers in Huntsville, who is the center of  
12 expertise for exploded ordinance, to perform what is  
13 known as an archive record search. They went through all  
14 the records of the Proving Ground from the time that it  
15 existed and was created back in 1941, interviewed a  
16 number of employees past and current employees, looked at  
17 over head photographs and looked at all the firing  
18 records wherever they were kept throughout the country if  
19 they were available. And they looked at a number of  
20 places from Washington D.C. out to Utah and Aberdeen.  
21 Spent several months. Did a fairly good research and  
22 reporting on the types of ordinance fired at the Proving  
23 Ground and where it might be. It's a three (3) volume  
24 set. There is a copy in the library and there's also a  
25 copy at Hanover College. We also have a copy out at the

1 Proving Ground if you would like to see it. The archive  
2 record search identified these areas here (indicating)  
3 and also this pink area, this area, this hundred (100)  
4 acres, this large area here and these two (2) pie slices  
5 right up here (indicating) as areas of what are known as  
6 potentially contaminated with unexploded ordinances.  
7 That was based on records, research, interviews with past  
8 and current employees at the time and a cursory looking  
9 and walking over the area as much as they could in a  
10 finite given amount of time. They were fairly  
11 conservative. Last summer the Huntsville Corps of  
12 Engineers with funding that was provided by the Army did  
13 a UXO removal action on this hundred (100) acre parcel  
14 right here (indicating). That has been completed down to  
15 a depth of four (4) feet below the surface. The Army's  
16 commitment was that in the cantonment area they would do  
17 a UXO removal effort to that depth. That supports  
18 agricultural and some recreational reuse. It does not  
19 provide the necessary coverage if you need to dig  
20 footings or basements or something of that nature. The  
21 average cost per acre that we are experiencing right now  
22 and it depends on the specific parcel. If it's flat, if  
23 it's open, if it has vegetation on it such as trees,  
24 bushes or is it hilly or rugged, it averages six thousand  
25 dollars (\$6000) an acre. The process basically is that

1 they will go out with magnetometers, basically metal  
2 detectors, that are calibrated to determine or find a  
3 certain size of ordinance based on the archive record  
4 search that they feel will be in a specific area. The -  
5 anytime they find a hit basically, they get a beep on  
6 their machine, they flag it and they will come back and  
7 they will hand excavate it, dig a hole with their hands  
8 and they will shovel it. And they will see what it is.  
9 It could be Farmer Jones' plow. It could be bailing  
10 wire. It could be a 105 high explosive shell. It could  
11 be a mortar. Could be a hand grenade or a mine. It  
12 could be nails. In this hundred (100) acre section  
13 (indicating) we recovered approximately eight (8) tons of  
14 scrap metal. Farmer Jones' plow, bailing wire, so on and  
15 so forth. We also found one (1) round that was  
16 detonated. After it has been completed the Corps of  
17 Engineers, our real estate division in Louisville has  
18 provided Mr. Ford with a revision to his lease. Any -  
19 any of these areas that have a potential for UXO,  
20 although they are in the property that he is leasing and  
21 will ultimately own, he does not have access to at this  
22 time because they have a potential for unexploded  
23 ordinance. The revision to his lease which he just  
24 recently received allows him access now to this parcel  
25 minus this little red square (indicating). This little

1 red square has environmental contamination and he still  
2 does not have access to that little red square. The rest  
3 of that hundred (100) acre parcel if he wanted to go in  
4 and plow that up and plant soybeans he can now go do  
5 that. The next area that we went into and was  
6 immediately after this was this small - this small  
7 section of this (indicating). We found some mortars on  
8 the surface and as a result of that we had the same  
9 contractor go in and do a surface clearance only. We  
10 will go back in that area and do a four (4) foot  
11 clearance later. In that area we found four hundred and  
12 seventy-five (475) rounds of mortars. They were 6881 mm.  
13 mortars. All but about two (2) or three (3) were inert.  
14 They were not explosive. They had wax fillers on them.  
15 But two (2) or three (3) did have we believe high  
16 explosives. That area is not done. Mr. Ford does not  
17 have access to that area. No one has access to that area  
18 at this present time. The next area we did these two (2)  
19 little pie slices up here. They found a number of rounds  
20 there. They were detonated. During that process they  
21 also found that along Woodfill Road up here, which was  
22 not part of their contract, there appeared to be a number  
23 of rounds underneath the road along about a two thousand  
24 (2,000) foot stretch of that road. Next Monday when I  
25 get back to Headquarters I will authorize the Huntsville

1 Corps of Engineers to go rip up that section of road, do  
2 the UXO clearance down to four (4) foot below and then  
3 replace the road and it will finish that section. Then  
4 Mr. Ford will have another revision to his lease and he  
5 will have access to that. Currently the Huntsville Corps  
6 of Engineers has funding to provide the UXO removal  
7 operation for this area (indicating) and this area  
8 (indicating) up here, approximately seven hundred (700) -  
9 eight hundred (800) acres. The schedule that the court  
10 has provided us estimates that once they start work out  
11 in the field it will be somewhere between four hundred  
12 (400) and four hundred and fifty (450) days to go do  
13 that. That's a rough ball park estimate. It may be  
14 faster. It may be a little slower. It's going to depend  
15 upon weather and a number of other things. It's a fairly  
16 large area. And we will see how it gets on. When  
17 additional funding is made available the next area, and  
18 we have coordinated this with Mr. Ford based on his reuse  
19 desires, is this key parcel over here (indicating) that  
20 is south and to the west of Krueger Lake area. That's  
21 approximately eight hundred (800) acres. The last  
22 section is this four hundred (400) acre section that at  
23 one (1) time the county had interest in as part of a park  
24 which they have relinquished that interest and we will do  
25 that last. That will probably be the most expensive area

1 in the cantonment parcel for us to do UXO clearance on.  
2 And the reason why it is the most heavily forested and  
3 there are also wetland areas in there. So it will be  
4 very expensive to do that. The Army has made the  
5 commitment that they will in fact do a clearance  
6 operation in the cantonment area to the four (4) foot  
7 criteria. Are there any questions regarding the UXO  
8 operations in the cantonment area?  
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10 MS. KAREN MASON-SMITH:

11 I have a question Paul.  
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13 MR. PAUL CLOUD:

14 Karen?  
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16 MS. KAREN MASON-SMITH:

17 The northeast corner by the issue  
18 site?  
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20 MR. PAUL CLOUD:

21 What about it?  
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23 MS. KAREN MASON-SMITH:

24 Are they completed?  
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1 MR. PAUL CLOUD:

2 The two (2) pie slices are done.  
3 What is not done is the two thousand (2,000) feet of road  
4 that they found what they believe is ordinance underneath  
5 the road itself. That was not part of their contract.  
6 They are waiting for me to authorize them to go do that  
7 and I will do that Monday. This total acreage here  
8 (indicating) that the Corps of Engineers identified as  
9 having potential UXO in the cantonment area total  
10 approximately two thousand two hundred and thirty-four  
11 (2,234) acres. The Army currently estimates it will cost  
12 in the order of eighteen million (\$18,000,000) dollars to  
13 do the UXO removal operation in that area based on the  
14 six thousand dollars (\$6,000) per acre figure of the  
15 money that we have requested this year, next year and if  
16 necessary the year after that. There are certain  
17 restraints on the amount of money we can get at any  
18 particular year because as I'm sure everyone here is  
19 aware that JPG is not the only facility that was closed  
20 by the Department of Defense. And we all compete for the  
21 same money to do the same things, either UXO removal or  
22 environmental clean up. Some of you may know that there  
23 are a number of tenants out in the - at the Proving  
24 Ground. The most recent - one of the most recent tenants  
25 is a gentleman that has a machine shop over in Building

1 322. The Army agreed to allow him to make use of that  
2 building but they are very specific restrictions on his  
3 usage. The bottom line being that there may be times  
4 when he does not have access to his building when the UXO  
5 operations are occurring in the air field area. He is  
6 not in the potential area but he is fairly close to it.  
7 There may be times when he is not allowed to run certain  
8 types of electrical or electronic machinery because it  
9 may affect the fuses in some of the explosives that the  
10 people will be using to treat anything that they find.  
11 He has agreed to those. He has been briefed on the  
12 presence of the potential UXO in that area. And we don't  
13 anticipate any problems. But we will keep track of him  
14 when they start working. He will be briefed again when  
15 the contractor comes out there. Are there any other  
16 questions about the unexploded ordinance in the  
17 cantonment area?  
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19 MS. LAURA HODGES:

20 This goes a long way back. I was  
21 going to ask you about cost but you answered that next so  
22 you answered mine.  
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24 MR. PAUL CLOUD:

25 Okay.



1 MS. LAURA HODGES:

2 But as long as you're asking though  
3 who is this person who's the new tenant in Building 322?.

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5 MR. PAUL CLOUD:

6 I can't remember right now. Ken  
7 would know. Ken will probably be here in about half an  
8 hour. I just - I just don't remember Laura. I think  
9 it's a local businessman. He has about eight (8) or ten  
10 (10) employees. And one of the reasons he wanted that  
11 particular building is that it had a hoist crane type of  
12 set up inside the building.

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14 MS. LAURA HODGES:

15 Is that the one that's near Building  
16 123?

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18 MR. PAUL CLOUD:

19 No. That's J&R.

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21 MS. LAURA HODGES:

22 Okay.

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24 MR. PAUL CLOUD:

25 They've been in there for quite a

1 while. This one is over by the air field.

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MS. CAROL WITT-SMITH:

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Paul? Do you want to just give them  
an up date on where the residual soil sampling and the  
residue issue is at?

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MR. PAUL CLOUD:

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Sure. There is an outstanding issue  
right now that the Army, Indiana Department of  
Environmental Management and the EPA are discussing.  
That issue is what is commonly referred to as residual  
soil sampling. What that really means is when they find  
a piece of ordinance out in the ground for safety reasons  
they don't move it you know like way up north and then  
blow it up. They usually almost in every case blow it  
right at our place. The concern and the issue that we  
are discussing is okay, blowing this thing up now is  
there anything left in the soil? Are there metals? Are  
there explosive residues? And if so how much? Do they  
still - those residues pose a potential problem. The  
Army, EPA and the State are discussing that issue. We  
both have made proposals and in the next few weeks to  
months we will resolve the issue as to how much sampling  
and to what type of quality control needs to be done.

1 What process needs to be incorporated and performed at  
2 these sites. There are different perceptions from the  
3 various agencies as to the need for what level needs to  
4 be done based on type of ordinance that are being found.  
5 We did - the Army did provide some information on some  
6 limited sampling on some - some of the mortar rounds that  
7 were detonated in this eight (8) acre surface clearance  
8 last year. They indicated essentially nothing as far as  
9 explosives and metals. However it has raised a number of  
10 additional questions for the regulators that the Army  
11 will be resolving with them as we continue to negotiate  
12 how we are going to actually sample and verify that  
13 there's nothing left out there after these pieces of  
14 ordinance have been detonated.

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16 **MR. FRANK INSKEEP:**

17 What about the DU?

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19 **MR. PAUL CLOUD:**

20 Beg your pardon?

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22 **MR. FRANK INSKEEP:**

23 What about the DU you found?

1 MR. PAUL CLOUD:

2 Okay. The DU, depleted uranium, is -  
3 is if you are not familiar with that term is not in this  
4 area at all. It is considerably north. At one (1) time  
5 the DU was in fact - was not manufactured or machined,  
6 but it was handled in the facilities south of the firing  
7 line. Those facilities south of the firing line were in  
8 fact cleaned, they were inspected, surveyed, not only by  
9 the Army but by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. The  
10 license that the Army still has was modified to delete  
11 anything south of the firing line. The only area that  
12 currently still exists is the two thousand (2,000) acre  
13 impact range north of the firing line where the Army  
14 estimates there are approximately seventy-five thousand  
15 (75,000) kilograms of depleted uranium still in the soil.  
16 The Nuclear Regulatory Agency is currently working on  
17 what's called an Environmental Impact Statement to assess  
18 the Army's request for what is called a restricted reuse  
19 termination of that permit. Basically the Army requested  
20 that the license be terminated. That the Army would  
21 provide security around that area so it would present  
22 access into that area and the Army felt that because the  
23 area is right in the center of the impact range and that  
24 area is also saturated with unexploded ordinance, that it  
25 would be from a safety prospective too dangerous to try

1 and go in there and pick up the depleted uranium.  
2 Currently the NRC is working on their EIS. Their current  
3 schedule shows that the final for that document will be  
4 out in December of 1998. I talked with the gentleman  
5 from the NRC last week and informed him that I would ask  
6 him to be present at the next meeting in May to provide  
7 an updated status on where they stood on their EIS and  
8 what they were planning on doing. So maybe that will -  
9 he will be able to provide me with additional information  
10 in that time span. Any other questions?  
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12 MR. RICHARD HILL:

13 Did you say an archival search  
14 similar to the one being done for the area north of the  
15 firing line?  
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17 MR. PAUL CLOUD:

18 When the archive search was done, it  
19 was done for the whole fifty-five thousand (55,000)  
20 acres.  
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22 MR. RICHARD HILL:

23 Okay.  
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1                   MR. PAUL CLOUD:

2                   There are three (3) volumes. Volume  
3 two (2) is for the cantonment area. Volume one (1) is  
4 from the firing line north to K Road. Volume three (3)  
5 is K Road north. So it covers the whole fifty-five  
6 thousand (55,000) acres. Yes sir?

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8                   MR. DAVE KOENIG:

9                   Would it be possible to provide the  
10 records to the Jennings County and Ripley County  
11 libraries?

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13                  MR. PAUL CLOUD:

14                  Sure. That is very easy. I will  
15 take care of that. Any other questions? One (1) thing  
16 you should note. There has been some questions about the  
17 presence of UXO north of the firing line. As I'm sure a  
18 lot of people here know there is approximate fifteen  
19 hundred (1500) foot buffer or boundary around the  
20 perimeter of the Proving Ground still inside the fence  
21 line that was "not intentionally fired into". That does  
22 not mean that there was not UXO in there. It just means  
23 that the Army when they were testing the ordinance didn't  
24 intentionally fire there. The archive record search  
25 acknowledges that. They also acknowledge that there is

1 UXO there and that their recommendation is before  
2 any property might be transferred north of the firing  
3 line, and I'm not saying that any would be, but I'm  
4 saying that if any were to be at a future date it would  
5 have to have the UXO removal operation done. Did you  
6 have another question Richard?

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8 MR. RICHARD HILL:

9 I was just going to make a comment  
10 that you mentioned that if - if it was being considered  
11 to transfer any of the property that it would have to be  
12 cleaned up. It would have to be you know cleared of UXO.  
13 That would be a lot more expensive to do in that area  
14 than what we're talking about in the cantonment area.

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16 MR. PAUL CLOUD:

17 In fact that's a specific issue that  
18 is addressed in the Environmental Impact Statement that  
19 the Army wrote for the disposal and reuse of the  
20 properties and was finalized back in December of 1995.  
21 Look at the copy of that document in the library or in  
22 the - and at the record of Hanover College. You will see  
23 a table in there that gives you estimates on what it  
24 would cost for UXO removal operations north of the firing  
25 line. And the things that affect that are one (1) the

1 depth that you would go to. And it's broken out into  
2 surface clearance, one (1) foot, four (4) foot and ten  
3 (10) foot below the surface. It's then broken down  
4 further into things about heavy UXO, light or medium UXO  
5 contamination. And then it also has a further break out  
6 as to the type of vegetation. If it's heavily vegetated  
7 with a lot of trees or it's open area and if the  
8 topography or the ground is level and flat or if it's  
9 very hilly and steep. The numbers range anywhere from  
10 three (\$3,000) to five thousand dollars (\$5,000) an acre  
11 all the way up to eighty thousand dollars (\$80,000) an  
12 acre. The one (1) study that has been done and it was  
13 done back in 1992 that gave an estimate on what it would  
14 cost to clean the entire Proving Ground, all fifty-five  
15 thousand (55,000) acres for unrestricted reuse estimates  
16 fifteen billion (\$15,000,000,000) dollars. That's in  
17 1992 dollars with no cost inflation factor included. It  
18 would take approximately twenty-five (25) years. That is  
19 an estimate only. Yes sir?

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21 **MR. WILLIAM CORNING:**

22 Paul is there any estimates as to how  
23 deep the unexploded ordinance could be?  
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1                   MR. PAUL CLOUD:

2                   Yes sir. It can be anywhere from the  
3 surface down to twenty (20) or thirty (30) feet. There  
4 are former employees who will tell you that they have  
5 taken backhoes and chased UXO down to the full extent and  
6 reach of their backhoe and it's still down there and they  
7 haven't been able to get at it. If the Army were to do  
8 any deep UXO removal operations anywhere on the Proving  
9 Ground basic process would be two (2) to four (4) foot  
10 increments. And you would basically clear off that four  
11 (4) foot area, clear it and then you would have to scrape  
12 up that area and then survey the next one. Essentially  
13 what you would ultimately end up with an area that's gone  
14 down like that, is a strip mine. It can be done but I  
15 don't recommend it. Steve?

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17                  MR. STEVE LYONS:

18                  Paul just for clarification you're  
19 talking about the safety fence?

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21                  MR. PAUL CLOUD:

22                  Yes sir.

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24                  MR. STEVE LYONS:

25                  And I know we discussed that in

1 August of 19 whenever. When Colonel Adams was down here  
2 matter of fact. We had the meetings at JPG. At that  
3 point in time I think it was - it was pretty clear that  
4 we were looking at those for the other counties as well  
5 as our own here in Jefferson. But I think it was pretty  
6 clear at that point in time the Army had no intent to  
7 fund clean up north of the firing line.

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9 MR. PAUL CLOUD:

10 That is still current.

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12 MR. STEVE LYONS:

13 And - and I thought maybe that - to  
14 clarify that point for the group here.

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16 MR. PAUL CLOUD:

17 The Army has not identified or  
18 requested any funding for clearance of UXO for depleted  
19 uranium north of the firing line. That is an accurate  
20 statement. That property has not been what we call  
21 accessed. It is not available for transfer. The Fish  
22 and Wildlife Service request for that property is still  
23 outstanding. They have not retracted their offer. They  
24 sent a letter to the Army in September of 1995 that  
25 indicates for a number of reasons they will not pursue

1 taking the property. And there is no doubt in my mind  
2 personally that the Army will retain ownership of the  
3 property north of the firing line. But they have never  
4 retracted their official request. Go ahead.  
5

6 MR. WILLIAM CORNING:

7 Going along with that same statement  
8 will it be - will it be possible that the Army will use  
9 and maintain that approximately fifty thousand (50,000)  
10 acres as they have over the past fifty (50) years? By  
11 that I mean they have timber cutting on that property.  
12 They had game management so that the deer herd was more  
13 or less kept under control. The counties did receive  
14 some advantage from the timber sales that the Army had on  
15 that property. Now if they - will they continue that?  
16

17 MR. PAUL CLOUD:

18 Short answer is yes. The longer  
19 answer is yes but it may not be the same in all respects.  
20 As you well know the Secretary of the Army made a visit  
21 to Jefferson Proving Ground back in October of last year.  
22 During that visit he was approached by the Fish and  
23 Wildlife Service on a possibility of the Army and the  
24 Fish and Wildlife Service entering into a more formal  
25 agreement, not a transfer of the property, but a more

1 formal agreement where they would provide and enhance to  
2 an elevated increased level of natural resource  
3 protection north of the firing line. The Secretary  
4 thought that was a good idea. He directed the personnel  
5 at our Headquarters to draft an agreement for the Army  
6 and the Fish and Wildlife Service to sign and enter into.  
7 That has - the agreement has been written. We have  
8 submitted it to the Fish and Wildlife Service. We have  
9 gone about as far as the Army can go as far as proposing  
10 a level of funding to supply to the Fish and Wildlife  
11 Service for the next three (3) years so that they can get  
12 a similar level of funding into their budget. It takes  
13 two (2) to three (3) years to get a new item into a  
14 federal agency budget cycle. Currently Fish and Wildlife  
15 Service has made a counter proposal. That proposal is  
16 back up at the Pentagon being reviewed. The only thing I  
17 know about it in any detail is that it's unclear what or  
18 if the Fish and Wildlife Service is willing to commit for  
19 a long term involvement north of the firing line. It is  
20 not clear yet what they want to do after two (2) to three  
21 (3) years. And there are some additional concerns. But  
22 I think that is the major one.

23  
24 MS. CAROL WITT-SMITH:

25 You might want to add Paul in the

1 sense of other activities for maintenance like security  
2 and the fence, that's going to be required as part of  
3 closure of the regulated unit, the outcome of the  
4 munitions rule and the range rule application also.

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6 MR. PAUL CLOUD:

7 Also Carol Witt-Smith is from the  
8 hazardous waste section of Region 5 and EPA and she is  
9 correct. North of the firing line just south of where  
10 the Air National Guard continues to test there is an area  
11 of approximately twelve (12) acres where the Army  
12 detonated surplus munitions, bombs, ordinance, whatever  
13 you want to call it. That is a formal process. It  
14 requires a permit from the EPA or the State, depending on  
15 who has the authority. We did that for a number of  
16 years. We are not doing it now. There is an on going  
17 dialogue between the Army and the State and the EPA as to  
18 how we will close that area out. Some of the  
19 complicating factors are that's a ten (10) or twelve (12)  
20 acre parcel. If the Army went in there and cleaned up  
21 everything one (1) of the questions would be how would  
22 you ever prove that you cleaned it up because the tens of  
23 thousands of acres that immediately surround it have  
24 identically the same stuff. If you put a landfill cap on  
25 it instead you can clean it up. You might have a small

1 problem if somebody did an oops from the Air National  
2 Guard but they are pretty professional. I don't think  
3 that would happen but it might and they might put a hole  
4 in our tap. And we might have a problem there. Plus you  
5 get back to the same problem. How do you know the cap is  
6 effective even if it doesn't have any holes in it because  
7 again the surrounding tens of thousands of acres have  
8 identically the same things basically. There are a  
9 number of issues that need to be resolved on this. There  
10 is an endangered species down at the bottom of the hill,  
11 the Indiana bat. So the Fish and Wildlife Service have a  
12 regulatory legal authority there. EPA and the State have  
13 an interest there. Nuclear Regulatory Commission,  
14 although not in that specific area, the DU area as the  
15 gentleman so identified is also north of the firing line.  
16 What the Army will try to do this year is start a series  
17 of meetings with all of these individuals, the EPA, the  
18 State, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, the Department  
19 of Natural Resources and the State of Indiana Fish and  
20 Wildlife Service so that we can begin the process on how  
21 we're going to close out that area and how we're going to  
22 monitor north of the firing line for the long term for  
23 the metals, the explosives and the depleted uranium. But  
24 it will not be a quick one (1) meeting solution where we  
25 sit down for five (5) minutes to resolve all the

1 questions. It will take some time. As Carol mentioned  
2 there is a munitions rule and I think Richard mentioned  
3 it earlier. The EPA was tasked with coming up with a  
4 proposal on when ordinance is a waste. They have done  
5 that. It came out in February. It will be effective in  
6 August. But as part of that the Department of Defense in  
7 negotiations with the EPA and coordination with them will  
8 be also coming out with what's called a range rule that  
9 will address munitions on closed, closing or transfer of  
10 ranges something that specifically applies to Jefferson  
11 Proving Ground. So that rule has not even come up for  
12 review yet. It will be coordinated with not only the EPA  
13 and the State and the environmental activists and private  
14 citizens, but it will take some time to resolve all these  
15 comments and to make a final rule. When those rules are  
16 both final and the court challenges to them have been  
17 resolved and the Army and EPA and the State and NRC and  
18 the other agencies involved have been able to work  
19 through all of their comments and concerns and questions  
20 for what we will do north of the firing line, then that  
21 will be also part of the public record because it is a  
22 form of process that will require that type of  
23 involvement and notification. Yes ma'am?

1 MS. MARY CLASHMAN:

2 If the Fish and Wildlife Service does  
3 not ever sign their agreement with the Army to take over  
4 that area, then will the Army be left with it  
5 indefinitely?

6  
7 MR. PAUL CLOUD:

8 Even if that agreement is signed by  
9 the Fish and Wildlife, the Army will still own the land.  
10 They are respon - they will be responsible and liable for  
11 anything that is on the land with the possible exception  
12 of what the Air National Guard does in their thousand  
13 (1,000) acre parcel.

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15 MS. MARY CLASHMAN:

16 For how long?

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18 MR. PAUL CLOUD:

19 Forever.

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21 MS. MARY CLASHMAN:

22 And then can they do anything else  
23 with it if the Fish and Wildlife Service sends their  
24 agreement back and says thanks but no thanks? Are there  
25 any alternatives that they can do with it?



1 MR. PAUL CLOUD:

2 When you say they I assume you mean  
3 the Army?

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5 MS. MARY CLASHMAN:

6 The Army.

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8 MR. PAUL CLOUD:

9 The answer to your question is yes.  
10 There is a possibility we may enter into a similar  
11 agreement with the Department of Natural Resources State  
12 of Indiana. There is a possibility that the Army may  
13 enter into a similar agreement with the U. S. Forest  
14 Service. There are other options that the Army does have  
15 along the same line. It may not be with the Fish and  
16 Wildlife Service.

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18 MS. MARY CLASHMAN:

19 But because of the horrendous cost of  
20 clean up there wouldn't be any other except some sort of  
21 a natural - leaving it in a natural state that the Army  
22 could do right?

23  
24 MR. PAUL CLOUD:

25 Currently that is correct. Yes sir?

1 MR. FRANK COPELAND:

2 That ten (10) or twelve (12) acre  
3 disposal site, this was for burning old ammunition?  
4

5 MR. PAUL CLOUD:

6 No sir. That was for detonation.  
7 Blowing up ammunition. It was immediately south of where  
8 the Air National Guard currently tests. There was no  
9 burning there. It was blown up.  
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11 MR. FRANK COPELAND:

12 For many years?  
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14 MR. PAUL CLOUD:

15 For several years yes sir. Yes sir?  
16

17 MR. DAVE KOENIG:

18 At one (1) point in time there was a  
19 proposal purported by the Army to return some of the  
20 property north of the firing line along the buffer zone  
21 to the communities of Jennings and Ripley Counties. In  
22 response to the reuse plan though that's all gone away?  
23 It's not consistent with the reuse plan? For whatever  
24 reasons it's all gone away. But in the future if there  
25 were a private entity or some entity interested in

1 properties there and funds were available to go through a  
2 screening and remediation as described, would the  
3 existence of the Fish and Wildlife offer, because it's  
4 not resolved at this point in time, would that disqualify  
5 any other types of uses for the property within the  
6 fence?

7  
8 MR. PAUL CLOUD:

9 Without knowing any specifics my  
10 basic answer is I don't know. I would suspect not.  
11 There is always that potential. That would be "an  
12 unsolicited offer". Currently the Army does not have any  
13 projected funding for the area north of the firing line.  
14 If someone, whether it was a community or a private  
15 entity, business or whatever came to the Army with a  
16 detailed written proposal we would like this area, this  
17 is what we would want to do with it, we believe it would  
18 require a four (4) foot UXO removal operation, we have  
19 the funding in escrow that would cover that, here is our  
20 plan for the Department Defense Explosive Safety Board to  
21 review and approve, if that were all done that is a  
22 possibility. No guarantees. But that is a possibility.  
23 I can give you the name of a gentleman who is the base  
24 transition coordinator and who works in the Headquarters  
25 with me if you would like to continue that conversation.

1 That is his specific area of responsibility at JPG.

2  
3 MR. DAVE KOENIG:

4 There's nothing pressing. Just  
5 wondered with the federal screening how that would be  
6 completed I guess?

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8 MR. PAUL CLOUD:

9 Well it has been completed.

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11 MR. DAVE KOENIG:

12 Even though the question of the Fish  
13 and Wildlife interest hasn't been resolved yet?

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15 MR. PAUL CLOUD:

16 Well when you say it hasn't been  
17 resolved that's true. But actual screening process was  
18 completed at JPG. And don't expect any further "avail -  
19 formal, official availabilities of the property at JPG"  
20 as I know it right now.

21  
22 MR. BOB HUDSON:

23 Well Paul in the screening process  
24 though when that - the opportunity afforded itself to the  
25 government agencies, in essence when Fish and Wildlife

1 put their request in at that point in time it froze that  
2 property for the rest of the process.

3  
4 MR. PAUL CLOUD:

5 If there were an interest like this  
6 with some detailed and specifics that would support it,  
7 my recommendation is basically a personal recommendation  
8 would be for that particular party to write Fish and  
9 Wildlife Service and say we have this potential but right  
10 now your request for the property is essentially holding  
11 us out. If you formally withdraw your request we may be  
12 able to proceed. Note again no guarantees. But if I  
13 were someone that were going to do it I think that's what  
14 I might do. Yes ma'am?

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16 MS. MARY CLASHMAN:

17 Would public notification be required  
18 if such a thing happened?

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20 MR. PAUL CLOUD:

21 As far as what?

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23 MS. MARY CLASHMAN:

24 As far as how would I find out?  
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1 MS. CAROL WITT-SMITH:

2 If they withdraw?

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4 MS. MARY CLASHMAN:

5 How would I find out? If this  
6 gentleman's supposition that somebody had decided that  
7 they wanted it for something in there at four (4) feet or  
8 whatever supposition you want to make, you said okay they  
9 can do it and the Fish and Wildlife agreed okay they can  
10 do it how would I as a member of the public find out if  
11 this was happening?

12  
13 MR. PAUL CLOUD:

14 Because there may be and probably  
15 would be environmental issues or concerns, whether real  
16 or potential, it would be addressed right here. And  
17 notification would be via this mechanism of this board.  
18 And I would probably make it. And it would be utilized  
19 through out mailing lists and Proving Ground and there  
20 would be notices in the paper that this is a potential,  
21 not an actual done deal but it has been you know  
22 something that may occur. You might - the Army may seek  
23 public comment on that. Don't know. It has never been  
24 done anywhere. Once the federal screening process has  
25 been completed and it has not been re-initiated to my

1 knowledge anywhere, so it would be a first. So that  
2 would be a new mechanism or process that would have to be  
3 developed. But I believe there would be public  
4 notification. That is one (1) of the reasons for the  
5 Restoration Advisory Board. Yes sir?

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7 **MR. WILLIAM CORNING:**

8 Paul the way I understand it is for  
9 all intents and purposes this fifty thousand plus acres  
10 will be off limits?

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12 **MR. PAUL CLOUD:**

13 It's not off limits now. And it has  
14 not been off limits even when the Proving Ground was  
15 active. As you know there has been hunting going on and  
16 there is fishing up in the lake. It is not open "for the  
17 general public".

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19 **MR. WILLIAM CORNING:**

20 That's what I meant.

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22 **MR. PAUL CLOUD:**

23 But that's - yeah. If you mean the  
24 general public yes that is true. That may or may not  
25 continue. Right now that is the current status.

1 Depending on a lot of unknowns and uncertainties that may  
2 change. One (1) of the things I would like to show now  
3 is a short video. It's geared towards children. It  
4 addresses the issue of unexploded ordinance. Ken will  
5 have two (2) copies of this video at the Proving Ground.  
6 We will be showing it to all the tenants and the people  
7 that are living out at the site. And we will also  
8 develop a process to make it available to the various  
9 schools and other organizations here in the community. I  
10 think it's a very good video. I've showed it to the  
11 State and the EPA. It takes about six (6) minutes so if  
12 you would bear with me for a second we will turn on the  
13 TV and let it go.

14  
15 ( SHOWING VIDEO)

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17 MR. PAUL CLOUD:

18 There are two (2) types of signs that  
19 the Army uses at the Proving Ground to identify those  
20 areas that have a potential presence of unexploded  
21 ordinance. This is one (indicating). And the other one  
22 (1) you saw in the video. Basically the only difference  
23 is you see the explosion here with the figures. Any area  
24 in the cantonment parcel that has this is restricted  
25 access. No one (1) is allowed access to that area unless



1 you are explosive ordinance disposal trained. You have  
2 to be escorted out there. You just don't walk out there.  
3 Another device we will be utilizing to inform and educate  
4 the people that are working out at the Proving Ground and  
5 living there is this display (indicating) that shows  
6 again some of the various type of ordinance that have  
7 been found. Some of these have been found at JPG, some  
8 of them have been found at the other testing facilities,  
9 Aberdeen and so forth. But it shows you a fairly good  
10 representation of the various types of ordinance that was  
11 used at the Proving Ground and what they can look like  
12 after they've been in the ground for a long time. Are  
13 there any questions about the unexploded ordinance at the  
14 Proving Ground in the cantonment area or north of the  
15 firing line?

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17 MS. CAROL WITT-SMITH:

18 Paul were we going to ask about how  
19 they felt about this material?

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21 MR. PAUL CLOUD:

22 Yeah. Thank you Carol. One (1) of  
23 the things that I would encourage you to do and specific  
24 to this video if you have any suggestions on how we might  
25 utilize that and provide that to the community please

1 contact Ken Knouf. Ken would you stand up please?  
2 (Standing) This is our site manager at the Proving  
3 Ground and you can contact him there. The number is 273-  
4 2551 or 273-2522. And provide him with any suggestions  
5 on ways we might possibly utilize the police department  
6 D.A.R.E. program and let them use it. Or ask for the  
7 schools to sign up and borrow the video. Whatever  
8 recommendations. Maybe using the local video cable  
9 service and their public access channels periodically to  
10 play this. If you have any recommendations or  
11 suggestions, not only on the use of this, but any other  
12 informational material that might be of benefit for the  
13 UXO and Proving Ground, please contact Ken so that we can  
14 evaluate your suggestions.

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16 MS. CAROL WITT-SMITH:

17 May I add a comment to that?

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19 MR. PAUL CLOUD:

20 Yes.

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22 MS. CAROL WITT-SMITH:

23 We really want you to put your advice  
24 in on this especially since right now we're working on a  
25 new revised security plan for the site both north and

1 south of the firing line. Part of that program is doing  
2 educational information not only for the people coming on  
3 the property and utilizing the site in sub-lease  
4 activities or leasing activities or deliveries, but also  
5 anyone who potentially if the park would eventually get  
6 open for use and other activities, that you, the general  
7 public, are going to have access to the site. And if we  
8 do not have fences between those activities and the UXO  
9 areas, or the regulated units or the investigation areas,  
10 this is your opportunity to help match up that program  
11 while it's being developed right now. So - and we're  
12 both in support of each other to get this program going  
13 and I'm trying to work cooperatively you know. If we  
14 want EPA or the State or the Army to come and do specific  
15 plots, we're there to do it. But we need to know where  
16 you want it.

17  
18 **MR. PAUL CLOUD:**

19 Thank you Carol. If there are no  
20 further questions on the unexploded ordinance, the next  
21 item on the agenda is the revision to the community  
22 relations plan. As Richard identified earlier in the  
23 meeting, the Army's contractor from SAIC is out here this  
24 week conducting a number of interviews. We sent out over  
25 two hundred (200) letters requesting people to have an

1 interview so that we could find out if there were any  
2 issues or concerns or mechanisms that they thought might  
3 be available to increase the information and the  
4 activities that are going on at the Proving Ground.  
5 Corrine Buoni from SAIC will now discuss where we are on  
6 that process and what's being done. So if you have any  
7 questions, Corrine the floor is yours.

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9 MS. CORRINE BUONI:

10 Again my name is Corrine Buoni. I  
11 think some of you may have met me last time when we  
12 presented the poster of community involvement program for  
13 Jefferson Proving Ground. That basically summarizes the  
14 philosophy in our approach to updating the program. What  
15 I would like to talk to you tonight about is where we are  
16 in the process of making and recapping why we are going  
17 out and doing all these interviews. So let me just take  
18 a few moments to review what the purpose of the community  
19 involvement program is at Jefferson Proving Ground. And  
20 then talk about the interviews that are currently under  
21 way and after that talk about what plans in the next few  
22 months are going to be going on, schedule and then  
23 summarize where we are going. Why are we doing this  
24 community involvement program? Well the basic agreement  
25 is to keep the lines of communication open and to

1 maintain a partnership between the Army and the public.  
2 The Army with the EPA and the State as part of this BRAC  
3 closure team are committed to inform and educate the  
4 community of JPG status, plans and activities. Creating  
5 opportunities for dialogue, which tonight was the video  
6 and trying to solicit your input on how we should get  
7 this out to the public. Obtaining your input on  
8 decisions involving site closure, clean up and future  
9 land use. Just a brief recap. A community relations  
10 plan was developed and released in 1995 just prior to  
11 closure of JPG. And since that time and to the present  
12 ongoing community involvement opportunities have emerged.  
13 We have reports on progress of clean up and transfers,  
14 reuse. We have periodic media updates on the program,  
15 public hearings on key JPG activities such as when the  
16 EIS was doing their closure reuse operation. And  
17 presentations to local community groups. We're at the  
18 point now where the installation has closed where we're  
19 re-evaluating what it is you would like to do in terms of  
20 involving the community in the program such as how things  
21 are going. One (1) is to review community issues and  
22 prospectives in these interviews. And that's something  
23 that we're currently doing this week while we're here on  
24 site. Many of you I think have been interviewed by some  
25 of our people. I would like to call your attention to

1 Susie Cooke. Will you stand up? (Standing) Some of you  
2 may have met her. She's - she's the prime mover on all  
3 the interviews this week and becoming very familiar with  
4 the area. With this in mind we have an understanding of  
5 what your concerns are, how well the community program  
6 has been working, where it can be strengthened. We will  
7 be updating the community involvement plan, modifying  
8 goals, re-evaluating participant's goals and their  
9 responsibilities, and possibly expanding plans and  
10 activities to be sure that the response we get would be  
11 ---- And this is the bottom line. We're actually very  
12 interested in getting your input so that the plan  
13 accurately reflects how you want to see the information  
14 communicated to you. The plan also is to release this  
15 plan within the next few months and begin implementing as  
16 we speak some of the conflicts that develop as a result  
17 of community progress. This summarizes for you basically  
18 the schedule in the near term. It will be on going. As  
19 I said earlier we're doing the community interviews this  
20 week. We should be finished up by Friday. We will have  
21 have completed on the order of thirty-five (35) percent  
22 of the interviews. We will continue to do interview  
23 process after this point in time, primarily through  
24 telephone interview process. And then possibly by the  
25 middle of May we will release the plan as a result of

1 taking all your input and evaluating it and adapting what  
2 you would like to see in terms of community involvement  
3 program with the Army resources. Put this out for  
4 review. Hopefully through the RAB process we'll have  
5 them available for you to look at and comment on them.  
6 And then we plan in August - in fact that doesn't mean  
7 that we won't start doing things earlier than that. In  
8 fact we will do that. And in summary it's a shared  
9 commitment among all the people participating in the BRAC  
10 closure to assure that community partnership is  
11 maintained and nurtured over the next few years. We have  
12 plans to solicit ways to strengthen community involvement  
13 such as community interviews. It won't stop here. We  
14 hope to maintain something like this on an on going  
15 fashion in the future. And whatever - whatever we decide  
16 to implement will be in concert with your needs and  
17 interests. And with that I would like to open up the  
18 floor for any questions you might have. Richard at the  
19 beginning said that if any of you have not been  
20 interviewed and would like to be, you can call Ken or  
21 rather than do that talk to Susie. She's right here  
22 tonight. Or you can talk to me. Either of us will be  
23 available until Friday for any questions. Yes sir?  
24  
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1 MR. WILLIAM CORNING:

2 Are the plans just to solicit on ways  
3 to strengthen community involvement? Give me an idea of  
4 what you consider as a way to strengthen the community  
5 involvement?  
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7 MS. CORRINE BUONI:

8 Well one (1) way I think is perhaps  
9 there hasn't been a good notification of when the RAB  
10 meetings are to the public. Perhaps by establishing a  
11 formal press release prior to the meeting and making sure  
12 that there is follow up or a summary in the paper of what  
13 happened maybe at each RAB meeting would be one (1) way  
14 to keep you informed. Depends you know if you're  
15 thinking of children, have something in addition to the  
16 video would be warranted. Having people communicate.  
17 Having the Army come in and talk about particular issues  
18 would be another example. Susie do you have any other  
19 ideas?  
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21 MS. SUSIE COOKE:

22 Well a lot of people have been  
23 telling us that they want to see you know more meetings  
24 and more small group meetings where the Army can come and  
25 talk to people individually and get ideas for the



1 community and really put in their ideas and suggestions.  
2 So that's a real possibility too.  
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4 MS. CORRINE BUONI:

5 Fact sheets area another one such as  
6 the one here that we have tonight. And that's probably  
7 one (1) way of doing it. Do you have any ideas?  
8

9 MR. PAUL CLOUD:

10 Laura do you have a question?  
11

12 MS. LAURA HODGES:

13 Yeah I have a question about this  
14 community relations plan that was released in 1995?  
15

16 MS. CORRINE BUONI:

17 Un-huh (yes).  
18

19 MS. LAURA HODGES:

20 Who was that released to? Was  
21 anybody in the community informed about what the plan  
22 was?  
23

24 MR. PAUL CLOUD:

25 Yes they were in fact. It's in the

1 library and it was made available for general information  
2 back at that time. There have been a number of changes  
3 that have occurred at the Proving Ground since then.  
4 Obviously it's closed. We've identified the buyer for  
5 the cantonment area. Some reuses were cleaning up the  
6 UXO. We're cleaning up the environmental site as we  
7 speak. There are some initiatives north of the firing  
8 line. The Fish and Wildlife and the NRC and the DU. A  
9 lot of those things have occurred since then and that's  
10 what really prompted the initiatives for this revision.  
11 Plus the fact that we are interested to see if there is  
12 something that the community would like to see or  
13 recommend for other mechanisms for communicating and  
14 getting the community's input just as an on going basis  
15 regardless of anything new that's happened at the Proving  
16 Ground or not.

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18 **MS. LAURA HODGES:**

19 Have there been a - this firm, this  
20 SAIC firm, have they been in charge of community  
21 relations since 1995?

22  
23 **MR. PAUL CLOUD:**

24 No.  
25

1 MS. LAURA HODGES:

2 Okay.

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4 MR. PAUL CLOUD:

5 The Army had a --

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7 MS. LAURA HODGES:

8 They are just coming on the scene  
9 with this?

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11 MR. PAUL CLOUD:

12 The Army had another contractor  
13 through the Army Environmental Center and the Aberdeen  
14 Proving Ground due to the initial community relations  
15 plan and interview process. Subsequent to that the Army  
16 Environmental Center opened up a very generic contract  
17 with SAIC. I'm able to task them with a multitude of  
18 different things. They established the Advent Record at  
19 Hanover College. They are doing the community relations  
20 plan revision. They will be providing support, not only  
21 at the RAB meetings, but at a number of different  
22 potential activities that I can basically define. It's  
23 very open ended and very generically defined contract  
24 that's only limited by the available funding. So it's  
25 pretty open ended and it's very easy for me to use for

1 whatever things come up. If I need draft presentations  
2 for the community I can ask SAIC to provide me with  
3 something that I can modify or tailor based on the Army's  
4 prospective. In fact they are working on some of those  
5 things right now.

6  
7 MS. CORRINE BUONI:

8 Just - just to let you know Susie has  
9 been doing this for - and I don't want to date her - for  
10 many years. And has done similar type initiatives at  
11 other sites. So she's very - very skilled and wants to  
12 do this. Thank you. I had some copies of the chart  
13 which I put over there. If for some reason you don't  
14 have - didn't get one and would like receive one I will  
15 make sure that you get one. Thank you.

16  
17 MR. PAUL CLOUD:

18 Before we go to the next item on the  
19 agenda I would like to make known that one (1) of the  
20 sheets over here is an additional fax sheet that the  
21 Huntsville Corps of Engineers has on the internet. This  
22 one (1) right here (indicating). There are copies  
23 available for anyone. If you have access to the internet  
24 you can access this. This is public knowledge. This is  
25 specific to JPG. It is specific to the UXO operations

1 and the removal efforts south of the firing line. It was  
2 updated on the 27th of February of this year. So if you  
3 have access to that and you would like to check on it as  
4 it gets additional updates and modifications, it is on  
5 the internet and we can provide you with that address.  
6 And if you don't, then as new additions and revisions  
7 come out you can get them from Ken at the Proving Ground.  
8 The next item on the agenda is actually outside of the  
9 realm of what the Restoration Advisory Board is - purpose  
10 is, which is the - providing a mechanism of communication  
11 for the community to the Army on the environmental clean  
12 up of the Proving Ground. What Richard and I based on  
13 comments that were received at the last RAB meeting on  
14 the issue of reuse in the cantonment area have requested  
15 that Mr. Lyons from the Jefferson County Commissioners  
16 come and provide some information on that topic tonight.  
17 Mr. Lyons is here and Steve the floor is yours.

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19 **MR. STEVE LYONS:**

20 Well I wasn't quite sure of what you  
21 may - may or may not want to know of my limited knowledge  
22 of the JPG. But as far as the park parcel myself and Mr.  
23 Tom Williamson, at the Corps in Louisville, have had our  
24 discussions over a period of time. He is - I don't know  
25 when we had personnel changes down there which kind of

1 naturally complicate things when you're working along  
2 with certain individuals and then it changes. There's  
3 not been any great rush to - to cement this transfer.  
4 It's a transfer we intend to do that we're working on.  
5 There was a small error I guess you would say during the  
6 sale of the property. If I may back up to the time the  
7 county requested an economic development conveyance of  
8 the cantonment area. We also in a separate request as a  
9 public benefit conveyance for those two (2) park parcels.  
10 Well when the economic development conveyance was denied  
11 and the business plan was denied to that, then the public  
12 benefit conveyances for the park parcels were still -  
13 still active. At that point - at some point in this  
14 multitude of years it seems like we've worked on this  
15 closure we were -we, the commissioners, looked over these  
16 park parcels. And as part of the funding mechanism for  
17 that was our development of that southern end of the EDC.  
18 There are certain criteria you have to meet to get these  
19 public benefit conveyances. The Department of Interior  
20 sponsored our request and essentially I guess the Army  
21 gives it to the Department of the Interior. The  
22 Department of the Interior then conveys it to the county.  
23 So looking at the usage, the amount of funding it would  
24 potentially take to develop that western four hundred  
25 (400) wooded wetlands and so forth, we didn't have

1 anything in place to do that. The two hundred and thirty  
2 (230) acres roughly that's on around Krueger Lake site,  
3 that site for all intents and purposes is useable. And  
4 it has been used by the JPG employees and their guests  
5 for a number of years. And it's a - it's a nice area. A  
6 mistake was made during the sale of the property. The  
7 Army sold or this whatever you call it lease?

8  
9 **MR. PAUL CLOUD:**

10 Furtherance of conveyance.

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12 **MR. STEVE LYONS:**

13 Furtherance of conveyance, they sold  
14 Ordinance Drive to Mr. Ford. Well I guess it was just a  
15 simple fact of drawing lines on maps and talking about  
16 the park parcels. When we made the request we actually  
17 went north of Ordinance Drive which would also include  
18 Ordinance Drive. So when Mr. Williamson came on board  
19 with the Corps and he and I had some phone conversations,  
20 we met on the property one (1) day and I presented him  
21 with a survey that we had submitted for our request that  
22 we had to have. And it actually showed that we did  
23 request north of the road. So we're having to amend that  
24 since they've already sold the property. And it's not a  
25 big deal. It's just not a large number of acres or

1 anything but we're down to roughly two hundred (200) plus  
2 or minus acres. So now we're in the process of having a  
3 new survey put together. That shouldn't be a big deal as  
4 far as our engineering firm that did the original has no  
5 problem to amend it. Mr. Williamson would like to meet  
6 with myself and our surveyor and take a look at it on the  
7 property and make sure that we have that and the number  
8 of easements and so forth that are necessary to make that  
9 property available to the county. Then as you all know  
10 we've come up with some environmental concerns. The park  
11 parcel is for all intents and purposes clean. We have  
12 adjacent property that has this question. And so  
13 security measures have had to be addressed. We have  
14 basically agreed to live with some covenants on the use  
15 of the property if and when it's conveyed to the county  
16 for use. There have been a number of scenarios given,  
17 whether it be build a fence around it which is kind of a  
18 costly item. Or to take and have restricted use. And  
19 currently what we've evolved to is some kind of covenants  
20 with restricted use and a security plan which has yet to  
21 be formulated. So that's where we are on the park  
22 parcels. Richard had mentioned something to me about the  
23 - some of the current usage and property taxation.  
24 Technically the property is still federal property. And  
25 we know of no means or have no means, you can't tax



1 federal property. There is a potential for taxes and  
2 taxation on personal property. The Indiana Legislature  
3 passed a few years ago during these base closure issues  
4 your ability to give the - turn those - request those  
5 closures, bases in closure as enterprise zone, which are  
6 tax benefits to try to re-develop those areas and ways to  
7 recapture some of that money to develop those areas. So  
8 a lot of those options are open. But it's still  
9 technically federal property. I guess if the Army were  
10 feeling very benevolent or whatever when the Fish and  
11 Wildlife Service talked about obtaining the northern end  
12 and sometimes in lieu of taxes they will give the  
13 counties involved some fee. I guess since it's no longer  
14 an active base if the Army wanted to utilize that  
15 mechanism to feed a little money back into the local  
16 community that would probably be graciously accepted.  
17 And then of course we've got the potential timber harvest  
18 and things that go on through time. But really that's  
19 all I really have to report. Anything that the county is  
20 active in right now. The zoning - once there's no zoning  
21 at this time. It needs to transfer and become the fee  
22 simple property of Mr. Ford before we can get into zoning  
23 issues. So it's a long drawn out process or bureaucracy  
24 at a faster pace. If there are any questions I would be  
25 glad to try to field them. Yes ma'am?

1 MS. LAURA HODGES:

2 Do you anticipate that when you sell  
3 that area that you will grant further and existing uses?  
4

5 MR. STEVE LYONS:

6 You say existing like people that are  
7 located there?  
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9 MS. LAURA HODGES:

10 The people who are sub-leasing it  
11 now.  
12

13 MR. STEVE LYONS:

14 That would probably be appropriate.  
15 That is something that would have to be discussed. I  
16 think if you go back fifty (50) odd years you are  
17 probably looking at agricultural ground. That's probably  
18 what the zoning was then at that point in time. There  
19 was quite a - something else that we had a request by Mr.  
20 Ford and by the Department of Transportation when they  
21 were - of course they're looking at that parcel out there  
22 to move the sub-district. And their concern was to have  
23 public right of ways to get to their buildings. We had a  
24 resolution the commissioners passed the acceptance in the  
25 future of Papermill, Shun Pike, Ordinance Drive and

1 Artillery Drive, the four (4) that were mentioned. Of  
2 course we know that this is going to be a long process in  
3 order to transfer - for Mr. Ford to be able to transfer  
4 us those right of ways that property would have to become  
5 his first. And with the current security situation  
6 that we have here, the UXO and what not, you know that  
7 it's kind of a sense that it's going to take a long  
8 period of time. But that wouldn't keep the Indiana  
9 Department of Transportation, who attended the  
10 commissioner's meeting and plan commission meeting,  
11 showing the interest they have in knowing that those  
12 eventually at some point in time would become public  
13 roadways. And that's a major concern of theirs before  
14 they locate there. Yes ma'am?

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16 **MS. KAREN MASON-SMITH:**

17 Are you planning any activities for  
18 the parks this year?

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20 **MR. STEVE LYONS:**

21 Well they've - the only real activity  
22 there's been on that park property in the last two (2)  
23 years has been a little mini hydro race. And that's been  
24 the example used I think in all the documents that's been  
25 generated around here I guess from you folks, the EPA and

1 the Army and us and so forth. I understand that there's  
2 another group of the same - model racers or what have you  
3 - that expressed some interest in using that and also  
4 caught wind of a pretty aggressive plan that one (1) of  
5 them has to use it several weeks in a row. And they had  
6 not actually talked to me about that. And I know they  
7 sent Ken a letter or talked to Ken Knouf. But no really  
8 we haven't - you know that's one of those situations that  
9 with all the problems that are up in the air right now  
10 it's not really been a big concern. I think our biggest  
11 concern about obtaining that park parcel is land that's  
12 definitely something that we have a limited amount of.  
13 And once that property is gone away it's gone. So we  
14 figure you know no matter how long it takes eventually it  
15 will become the property of the county. And then that's  
16 what we want to do. So you know I need to work with the  
17 Corps a little bit more. I've been busy. They've been  
18 busy. And then you know we're working through our  
19 problems but we - we are. And we don't have any problem  
20 getting within one another you know. It's just - I  
21 didn't really answer your question but nobody don't  
22 really have any great - any plans at this time. Anything  
23 else? Thank you.

1 MR. PAUL CLOUD:

2 Thank you Steve. This is the open  
3 discussion period. If there are any questions, comments,  
4 concerns that anyone would like to address at this time.  
5 Again remind you that the intent or the purpose of the  
6 Restoration Advisory Board is to provide a mechanism for  
7 the community to communicate to the Army interest,  
8 priorities, concerns on the environmental clean up of the  
9 property. So I would ask that you focus your questions  
10 in that area if necessary. If you have questions about  
11 reuse I can provide you with Mr. Early's phone number.  
12 It is a toll free call at our Headquarters in Aberdeen.  
13 He is the base transition coordinator. He took Mr.  
14 Hudson's place when Mr. Hudson retired. He has been  
15 trained and again call him toll free if you would like to  
16 address the reuse questions along the Proving Ground.  
17 Any questions? Yes sir?

18  
19 MR. DON BARNES:

20 Do you have any current information  
21 on the agreement between the D.O.T. and the well field?

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23 MR. PAUL CLOUD:

24 Oh the well field?  
25

1 MR. DON BARNES:

2 Yeah. The last I heard was they may  
3 have an agreement signed.  
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5 MR. PAUL CLOUD:

6 No I don't. The POST was signed  
7 sometime ago on that as you well know. There was an  
8 issue on the right of way for the water line. Talked  
9 with the Mayor. I thought we had a very quick easy fix  
10 for that. Obviously that has not occurred. I think we  
11 are close. Does close mean tomorrow? Does close mean  
12 within six (6) months, almost certainly. Does it mean  
13 two (2) months? Probably. I would suggest if you don't  
14 get any satisfactory answer from the Corps of Engineers,  
15 call Mr. Early and I. We will make sure you get a  
16 satisfactory response. Any other comments or questions?  
17 Again let me encourage you to sign the attendance sheet  
18 so we can - if you are not on our mailing list we can add  
19 you and keep you informed. Richard and I will be over  
20 the next few months, polling the Restoration Advisory  
21 Board members, the current members, to see if they would  
22 like to continue their membership and then going out and  
23 seeking additional members for the board. It's a  
24 voluntary organization. You will be provided if you are  
25 a board member copies of all the documents, just not the

1 FOST or FOSILs, but the environmental clean up documents  
2 as they are generated and then are reviewed by the State  
3 and the EPA in which we will be seeking your input. If  
4 you are a board member to - after you've reviewed those  
5 documents if you have any questions, comments or  
6 concerns. Some of those documents are fairly small.  
7 They may be twenty (20), thirty (30) or forty (40) pages.  
8 But some of them are five (5) and six (6) volumes. Some  
9 of them are fairly technical. There is hopefully in the  
10 near future a mechanism that the Restoration Advisory  
11 Board will be able to utilize for their community members  
12 to provide funding for training on environmental  
13 technical issues. That process is slowly being developed  
14 by the Department of Defense. The law was changed two  
15 (2) years ago to authorize that but there is no process  
16 that is in place to actually document and account for any  
17 funding that may be provided to an individual Restoration  
18 Advisory Board. About two (2) months ago I provided with  
19 Richard a copy to all the RAB members, a copy of that  
20 proposed rule on how the process might occur. I believe  
21 the comment period then expired. The Department of  
22 Defense is reviewing those and within the next few months  
23 I expect a final ruling to come out. And then certain  
24 levels of funding for each individual RAB should be made  
25 available so that the community members can obtain

1 independent review of documents and have training on  
2 these environmental technical issues so that when they  
3 review documents they can do it from a more informed  
4 knowledgable prospective.

5  
6 MS. CAROL WITT-SMITH:

7 Paul we can as an agency, both IDEM  
8 and EPA, can also talk and give training to the community  
9 or the RAB members on specific things. Like if you don't  
10 understand what Superfund is and how it applies to the  
11 site, there is the opportunity in our funding mechanism  
12 to provide that training whether it's one (1) of us or  
13 somebody from the office.

14  
15 MR. PAUL CLOUD:

16 If there is an interest from the  
17 community or one of the RAB members, then please make  
18 that known to Richard or I. You can make that known on  
19 the State or EPA. There is another mechanism that EPA  
20 has available but unfortunately it is for Superfund  
21 sites. JPG is not a Superfund site so that particular  
22 mechanism is not available. But as Carol has correctly  
23 identified there are other ways to provide information  
24 and training to people so if there is an interest please  
25 let Richard or I know. And we will take the ball and run



1 with it from there. If there are no further questions  
2 please make sure you take the handouts. I have my  
3 business card there and that's my E-mail address and my  
4 phone number on it. If you have any questions on what is  
5 going on at the Proving Ground from the environmental  
6 staff arena and I would remind you that the next RAB  
7 meeting is scheduled for May 14th. It's currently  
8 scheduled for here in the Salvation Army building.  
9 That's a Wednesday at 7 P.M. We will also be sending out  
10 another letter with an agenda for that meeting  
11 approximately two (2) to four (4) weeks before that  
12 meeting. Anything that you would like to see on the  
13 agenda from environmental clean up prospective please  
14 call Richard or myself, call Ken out at the site, and it  
15 can get to me and we can add that to the agenda and have  
16 someone come in and discuss an issue, provide some  
17 information or explain an item or question that you might  
18 have. With that that's all I have. Richard do you have  
19 some closing remarks?  
20

21 MR. RICHARD HILL:

22 Sure. I have a couple. I'm going to  
23 put some of my cards over there too now that we are  
24 mentioning calling everyone. Also in line with what Paul  
25 was talking about about these volumes of materials that

1 us on the RAB get, I inherited all of Bob Grewe's. I had  
2 to go down and clean out the Midcor office. So if  
3 anybody is - I heard somebody mention that the Jennings  
4 and Ripley County Library may want some of those? I  
5 could give them those because they are just copies of  
6 what I've already got. I don't see any great problem  
7 with that.

8  
9 MR. PAUL CLOUD:

10 Great. That's much quicker in fact.

11  
12 MR. RICHARD HILL:

13 Yeah. They would have to get in  
14 contact with me and we will have to set up a day. And it  
15 would be nice to bring along a couple of strong healthy  
16 people to help carry these because there are several  
17 boxes. And where I stored them is upstairs in a building  
18 down town here. So the only place I could find to put  
19 them. So just let me know and you can have those. And  
20 then also since we have some people here and are talking  
21 about ideas for the video for the kids, does anybody -  
22 off the top of my head it seems like the schools would be  
23 a good captive audience to - to have something like that.  
24 I'm sure that we could get cooperation of the - of the -  
25 of the schools to get that done. I feel pretty sure we

1 could. Does anybody have any ideas about a better way to  
2 do that?

3  
4 **MR. WILLIAM CORNING:**

5 I wouldn't say better way but I would  
6 say that that video should definitely go to South Ripley  
7 especially in the elementary school.

8  
9 **MR. RICHARD HILL:**

10 Yeah the elementary school.  
11 Absolutely.

12  
13 **MR. WILLIAM CORNING:**

14 They will definitely use it. I will  
15 see to it that they do.

16  
17 **MR. RICHARD HILL:**

18 Good. Good

19  
20 **MS. CAROL WITT-SMITH:**

21 Well what we were thinking about and  
22 what we had discussed with Paul is the question of you  
23 know use the video alone or use the video with a person.  
24 And if you get the kids together in like an assembly  
25 building of an auditorium or in - spend a day at a school

1 and do it in smaller groups because it helps the size of  
2 their screens.

3  
4 **MR. RICHARD HILL:**

5 Yeah.

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7 **MS. CAROL WITT-SMITH:**

8 And just the technical capabilities  
9 is what - what you would like to see to reach down to  
10 their levels because there's terminology that's on the  
11 video that might not go down to the lower levels of kids.  
12 So we're trying to establish like exactly what grade is  
13 it suitable to the kids to understand and to bring in the  
14 relationships of you know how does this apply to the site  
15 that's next door in your neighborhood. To try and give  
16 that impression. So I think we're going to be working on  
17 trying to produce some other material and we're looking  
18 for ideas of what those other videos should be for the  
19 kids so that they recognize how this fits in to what's  
20 next to their area.

21  
22 **MR. RICHARD HILL:**

23 Yeah I think it would be really good  
24 if we could supply a person to go with the video and show  
25 it and explain it and answer questions. Which if I

1 didn't have to work you know I would be glad to do that.

2  
3 MS. CAROL WITT-SMITH:

4 In the sense that you know we had -  
5 we had talked about not necessarily wanting to take all  
6 of Ken's time if we could establish maybe a training  
7 program for several people.

8  
9 MR. RICHARD HILL:

10 Yeah. Sure.

11  
12 MS. CAROL WITT-SMITH:

13 And then go to the schools whether it  
14 be agency people or community volunteers to get in effect  
15 the knowledge of those trainers to go over to the  
16 schools.

17  
18 MR. RICHARD HILL:

19 Yeah that sounds good. That's all I  
20 have.

21  
22 MR. PAUL CLOUD:

23 I want to thank -- yes ma'am?  
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1 MS. TERESA ZIZAK:

2 I don't know but I know we have a lot  
3 of shut in people in the county that are interested in  
4 this. And you may want to contact our local cable,  
5 television personalities, and televise this through the  
6 media. As long as they have a media scheduling I'm sure  
7 they would want to do this.

8  
9 MR. PAUL CLOUD:

10 Great. We will take that and see if  
11 that's - see if that's feasible and within our  
12 capabilities. Thank you for that suggestion. With that  
13 I would like to close the meeting and again encourage you  
14 to sign the attendance sheet. Take a card from Richard  
15 and myself so that if you have any questions in the  
16 future. The next meeting again is scheduled for the 14th  
17 of May, Wednesday, here at 7 P.M. And with that thank  
18 you and good evening.

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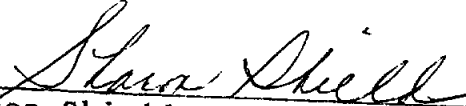
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STATE OF INDIANA )  
COUNTY OF JEFFERSON ) SS:

I, Sharon Shields, do hereby certify that I am a Notary Public in and for the County of Jefferson, State of Indiana, duly authorized and qualified to administer oaths; That the foregoing public hearing was taken by me in shorthand and on a tape recorder on March 12, 1997 in the offices of the Salvation Army Headquarters, 331 East Main Street, Madison, IN; That this public hearing was taken on behalf of the Jefferson Proving Ground Restoration Advisory Board pursuant to agreement for taking at this time and place; That the testimony of the witnesses was reduced to typewriting by me and contains a complete and accurate transcript of the said testimony.

I further certify that pursuant to stipulation by and between the respective parties, this testimony has been transcribed and submitted to the Jefferson Proving Ground Restoration Advisory Board.

WITNESS my hand and notarial seal this 17th day of March, 1997.

  
Sharon Shields, Notary Public  
Jefferson County, State of Indiana

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